

Recreation Meeting 3/31/15

Attending: Paula, Ed, Cooper, Jim L. and Jim

Guest: Ann

Ed kicked off the meeting tonight at 6:35. The meeting was started with Ed reading the resignation of Jane Wilson. It is with great sadness that this update was noted.

Paula was approached with a new potential volunteer named Suzanne Carmichael. She would not be able to attend many of the events but could take minutes.

There was discussion about changing the night of the Recreation Meeting. Ed to send out a memo to the Committee asking them if the fourth Wednesday would be acceptable for meeting. Paula will update the website once this is agreed on.

Citizens Forum:

Ann asked if the Recreation Committee would be willing to loan us their sound system if we needed it.

She would also like to know if we could use the giant flag to be put on the barn for the Sestercentennial event on May 30th. Ed asked that the flag be properly put up using the new pole and hooks. They agreed and will keep up the

Flag until after the Fourth of July. They agreed to let us use their sound equipment as long as Vernon can watch over it to assure that it comes back in good condition.

Spring Programs:

Paula spoke to a gentlemen in Henniker and suggested they have a camp for kids this summer. They will work with the historical society. This will be the April vacation camp. There is a beginner Archery Lesson, Let's go Fishing, Field and Track. Paula has been interviewing for Lifeguards, Pond Director and it is going well.

No final decisions have been made yet. Background checks will be done for these employees once Paula checks with Neal.

Summer Fun:

The Children's Garden Club, Swim Lessons, Summer Day Camp, Women's Softball, Healthy Cooking for kids, Science Camp, British Soccer Camp and Mini kickers Soccer.

Easter Egg Hunt:

This was well attended. Thanks to the Easter Bunny. Next year bring a bull horn.

Next year, look at the ratio of kids that are moving to the next level. We had 3,000 stuffed and Paula bought another 500.

The Movie Event and the Funnelator Event went well.

Foxwood Trip:

There are still two seats available. Paula made this available to Bow and Henniker as well. We may not do another bus trip because it is hard to fill a bus.

Kimball Cabins:

Still waiting for the snow to melt before we can get an occupancy permit. Paula will look at getting folks to use them. The Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts will help clean up the exterior. The group will look at cabin number four to see the condition of the cabin. A port a potty will be put out in May. It will be cleaned up weekly. The cabin committee would like to creating events and rent them out.

Old Business:

The funnelator event was excellent. The fire area needs to be cleaned up and Ed will look into this. Jim Martin thought that the event was well organized. He also brainstormed ideas to grow the event. Add

music, food, ice sculpting and more family friendly events. It was decided to move the event to March. Have more teams but just allow three shots per team. We should rebrand the event. Maybe call it a Winter Festival. If we can get a partner to help with the manpower this event could be grown.

Sestercentennial:

Louise has again requested \$500.00 to go towards fireworks. Neal turned this down because he felt that the committee had raised their own funds. There was some confusion as to what Mark has planned for a Hopkinton Business Expo. Ann will ask the hospital who they hired for their Christmas party pictures last year. They had all kinds of costumes and props. The Committee is brainstorming ideas on how they will contribute to the Sestercentennial as part of the Fourth of July Family Fun Day.

Fourth of July:

The first meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Wayland